

I Claim:

1. A portable tar heating and melting apparatus, comprising:

a containment body having an upwardly extending sidewall, a flat bottom and an interior cavity;

5 a plurality of vent apertures spaced about the sidewall adjacent the upper end of the sidewall;

a handle mounted to the containment body so that the user can move and position the apparatus;

10 a gas burner located within the cavity adjacent the bottom of the containment body for heating and melting tar and other materials disposed therein;

a tar cooking vessel having a chamber for receiving tar and other materials, the tar cooking vessel capable of removable insertion within the cavity of the containment body so that the tar and other material can be heated and melted by the gas burner;

15 a lid for disposition on the tar cooking vessel for sealing the chamber during the heating and melting of the tar;

a temperature gauge mounted to the lid for displaying the temperature of the tar; and

a pair of wheels mounted to the bottom of the containment body for facilitating the movement, positioning and transport of the containment body.

20 2. The tar heating and melting apparatus of claim 1 further including a flexible hose interconnected to the gas burner and extending outwardly from the handle so that the hose can be secured to an external fuel source.

3. The tar heating and melting apparatus of claim 2 wherein the tar cooking vessel includes a pivotal handle for permitting the insertion of the tar cooking vessel into the cavity of the containment body and the removal of the tar cooking vessel therefrom.

4. The tar heating and melting apparatus of claim 3 further including at least one foot mounted to the bottom of the containment body and extending downwardly therefrom for contacting the ground surface

5. The tar heating and melting apparatus of claim 4 further including a cooking platform mounted within the cavity of the containment body and above the gas burner for supporting thereon the tar cooking vessel.

6. A portable tar kettle for heating and melting tar, comprising:

a containment body having an upwardly extending sidewall, a flat bottom and an interior cavity;

a plurality of vent apertures spaced about the sidewall adjacent the upper end of the sidewall;

a handle mounted to the containment body so that the user can move and position the tar kettle;

burner means located within the cavity adjacent the bottom of the containment body for heating and melting tar placed therein;

a tar cooking vessel having a chamber for receiving tar, the tar cooking vessel capable of removable insertion within the cavity of the containment body so that the tar can be heated and melted by the burner means;

a lid for disposition on the tar cooking vessel for sealing the chamber during the heating and melting of the tar;

a temperature gauge mounted to the lid for displaying the temperature of the tar;  
a pair of wheels mounted to the bottom of the containment body for facilitating  
the movement, positioning and transport of the tar kettle; and

at least one foot mounted to the bottom of the containment body and extending  
5 downwardly therefrom for contacting the ground surface and stabilizing the tar kettle.

7. The portable tar kettle of claim 6 further including a flexible hose interconnected  
to the burner means and extending outwardly from the handle so that the hose can be  
secured to an external fuel source.

8. The portable tar kettle of claim 7 wherein the tar cooking vessel includes a pivotal  
10 handle for permitting the insertion of the tar cooking vessel into the cavity of the  
containment body and the removal of the tar cooking vessel therefrom.

9. The portable tar kettle of claim 8 further including a cooking platform mounted  
within the cavity of the containment body and above the burner means for supporting  
thereon the tar cooking vessel.

15 10. The portable tar kettle of claim 9 further including a drain aperture centrally  
located on the bottom of the containment body and a drain plug for closing off the drain  
aperture capable of removal therefrom to open the drain aperture.